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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Louis DELESALLE *et al.*
Title: RECOMBINANT PLANT GENOME,
COMPRISING SPECIFIC CHICORY
GENES AND A NUCLEOTIDE
SEQUENCE CONFERRING MALE
STERILITY, AND ITS USE
Appl. No.: 09/194,598
Filing Date: 11/30/98
Examiner: M. Kimball
Art Unit: 1638

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on June 19, 2001, regarding the above-captioned application. The deadline for response is November 19, 2001 by virtue of the attached Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the required fees. Although applicant believes that the amount of the attached check is correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

12. (amended) A recombinant plant genome comprising at least one chicory gene and a nucleotide sequence conferring male sterility borne by a sunflower orf 522 sequence or by a male-sterility-conferring sequence with at least 50% homology with the sunflower orf 522 sequence, wherein said sunflower orf 522 sequence or said male-sterility-conferring sequence comprises polynucleotide sequences having the sequence shown in SEQ ID NOS:1 and 2.